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THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1916

ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Clerk

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Clerk, subject to the action of the primaries, August 1.
WILL A. MOORE.

I am a candidate for the office of County Clerk, subject to the action of the voters at the Republican primary election.
H. W. KING.

Sheriff

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Dickinson county, subject to the primaries August 1, 1916, and respectfully solicit the support of the Republican voters.
JOHN H. SHERMAN.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Dickinson county, subject to the primaries August 1, 1916, and respectfully solicit the support of the Republican voters.
JOHN N. SEATON.

Treasurer

I am a candidate for the office of Treasurer, subject to the action of the voters at the Republican primary election.
NEWTON COLE.

Clerk District Court

I am a candidate for the office of Clerk of the District Court of Dickinson county, subject to the Republican primaries August 1, 1916.
E. M. BLACHLY.

Probate Judge

The undersigned is a candidate for Probate Judge, subject to the Republican voters at the primaries August 1.
J. C. ROYER.

Register of Deeds

I am a candidate for Register of Deeds, subject to the action of the Republican primaries, August 1.
FRED MARTS.

I am a candidate for Register of Deeds, subject to the action of the Republican primaries, August 1.
J. L. WORLEY.

I am a candidate for Register of Deeds, subject to the action of the Republican voters at the primaries August 1.
GEO. C. DAHNKE.

Commissioner, Second District

I am a candidate for County Commissioner from the Second commissioner district, subject to the action of the Republican primary August 1, 1916.
C. W. PETERSON.

Commissioner, Third District

The undersigned is a candidate for County Commissioner of the Third District, subject to the action of the Republicans of this district at the primaries to be held August 1, 1916.
JOHN BOOK.

Life in America is getting to be just one crisis after another.

Funston is the fellow who put the U. S. in cactus and may yet put the can in Mexican.

Villa has apparently at least nine lives and the correspondents have a hard time killing him.

One thing about the shortage of paper is that it may become so acute we can't write any more notes to Europe.

General Villa's real name is said to be Orange. It will be Lemonsky when the U. S. troops get through with him.

Villa has been captured, escaped, lost a leg, is uninjured, has cut off his whiskers—otherwise not much news about Villa today.

"We are in Carranza's hands," exclaims an exchange. Well we would rather be in his hands than entangled in his whiskers.

The Democrats have decided to keep the one cent duty on sugar only until 1920. Huh, isn't that presuming a little on the future?

The Aggie boys started in to clean out cigarette selling in Manhattan and did a good job. A college boy is some power in whatever he undertakes.

Abilene high school is ranked among the accredited high schools of the state which is doing well when 291 students are working in quarters built for 140.

The per capita wealth of Holland has increased \$60 since the big fight began. Evidently when it comes to war prosperity there are others.

The tension at Washington is again reported to be relaxing. If it keeps on tightening and relaxing as it has in the past year it will lose some of its elasticity some of these days.

"Why do we Allentate Inventive Genius?" is a query of the New York Sun. We don't. Uncle Sam has lots of it left. If you don't believe it just read some of the stuff the special war correspondents are sending in from Europe.

It is said that Russia's population will be 600,000,000 by the end of the present century if the present rate of increase is maintained. Well, then, you can't blame the kaiser for wanting to lick them now.

One thing can be truly said of President Wilson's administration: There have been very few dull days.—Marion Review. Very true—when the administration was not going in one direction it was headed for another and it kept the country guessing.

It will be noticed that President Wilson came across and appointed a postmaster in Kansas City satisfactory to Senator Jim Reed. He also gave up to Tammany Hall on the New York postmastership. Did Bryan fight and bleed in vain at Baltimore.

Colonel Bryan announces that he will support President Wilson for renomination if elected a delegate to the St. Louis convention from Nebraska. Retelling what happened to the Colonel's Champ Clark instructions at Baltimore this is enough to excite alarm in the Wilson camp.

Both the woman suffrage and the prohibition amendments have been indefinitely postponed by the committee in congress. Congress, and especially the Democratic end of it, has so much other business on hand that women's rights and whisky wrongs will have to go uncared for.—Lawrence Gazette.

Emporia Gazette: An Emporia man—Dr. Horace Whittlesey, to be exact—received a letter from Mexico this week telling of a procession of celebration given by the Mexican government employees in the City of Mexico in honor of the massacre at Columbus, N. M. It is likely that the Mexican people believe that the Columbus raid was justified. The American troops in Mexico are risking their lives every moment they are there.

Down in Cherokee county they have just completed eight miles of gravel road, costing \$8000 a mile. The work began last fall and would have been completed much sooner, but the bad weather interfered. Dickinson with its new road machinery is planning to construct gravel roads across the county in both directions and expects to do it at a cost of \$600 to \$800 a mile. The abundance of good gravel and use of modern methods of road making will make the difference.

FREE TRADE, FALLING REVENUE

With the average rate of duty on imports shrinking monthly, and Chairman Kitchin of the ways and means committee holding the whip-hand in revenue legislation, the outlook for the current fiscal year is gloomy.

During the month of January, 1916, seventy-four per cent of our imports entered without paying a stiver of revenue into the all but bankrupt treasury of the United States. The average rate of duty on all imports was slightly over 8 per cent. (This records the highest percentage of duty free imports, and the lowest average duty rate for any month under the Democratic tariff law since its enactment in October, 1913.)

Our imports for January amounted to \$184,192,000, or \$21,000,000 greater than for January, 1913, under the Republican tariff law. But our customs revenues for January, 1913, amounted to \$29,334,000, whereas for January, 1916, they amounted to but \$15,544,000, or a difference of \$13,790,000 in favor of the Republican law. January, 1915, was also a war month, and our imports were cut down to \$122,372,000, on which revenue was collected in the sum of \$16,558,000. Here we have imports amounting to \$62,000,000 less than for the 1916 month, but the revenues were \$1,000,000 greater, conclusive evidence that it is the enlarged free list of the Democratic law, rather than the curtailment of imports due to the war, which is playing such havoc with the customs revenues.

ABILENE'S LAST CHANCE

The fair grounds purchase is the last chance Abilene will have to obtain a park. The fair association will if the bonds do not carry put the grounds up for sale and the property will become a farm or town lots. East, north or south is no property that is suitable for a park and if it were, none that could at Kansas City.

be bought and improved for twice the money the fair grounds can be bought for. The grounds are needed for all the town's school athletics, and the purposes that make for a healthful community. All our neighboring towns are equipping their parks beautifully. Clay Center, Salina, Junction City, Marion—every enterprising town—is taking pride in its park. Abilene cannot afford to let this chance go. As the town is growing the present grounds could not be bought for \$25,000 ten years hence.

The \$12,000 bonds will increase the taxes on \$1000 valuation 26 cents; on \$500, 13 cents; on \$100, 3 cents—it is a trifle compared with the benefits to accrue to the people.

It means nothing to the fair association, whose members will lose about one-third their investment for there are several offers of \$12,000 from private parties who want to make a farm of the grounds.

It is Abilene's one chance—let's don't miss it.

GERONIMO AND VILLA

If it is an interesting coincidence that seventy years ago United States armies were carrying the Stars and Stripes to glorious victories on Mexican battlefields in a "regular" war, it is hardly less interesting to note that thirty years ago American troops were carrying on a punitive expedition in pursuit of Geronimo and other Apache chieftains, who were captured after a pursuit lasting four months and during which the American forces traversed 3014 miles of the same sort of mountainous territory in which the forces of General Pershing are now operating.

In a recent issue of the New York Times General Leonard Wood gives a most interesting account of this campaign, in which the brave and ill-fated Lawton, who lost his life in the Philippines several years ago, was one of the real heroes. Wood and Lawton were the only officers to go through the entire Geronimo campaign. General Miles was in command of the troops on the border, occupying the same relative position as Funston today. General Pershing, another hero of the Philippines, and now in command of the expedition against Villa, was a conspicuous figure in the Philippine operations with Lawton.

General Wood shares the belief that the expedition is far from being a jaunt or a "joy ride" in any sense of the word. The latent antagonism of the Carranza government is one of the surprising and inexcusable complications with which the Pershing troops have to contend. Carranza's reluctance to permit the use of Mexican railroads for the transportation of supplies to troops engaged in a task which means the pacification of Mexico and the restoration of the Carranza authority, is not based on either intelligence or real patriotism so far as the "first chief" is concerned.

It will not be well, however, for Carranza or his government if any serious results follow refusal to cooperate in this respect. If disaster should befall the expedition, which Carranza is insisting on a circumstantial written "agreement" covering all the details of this cooperation in the matter of railroad facilities, the results will be decidedly uncomfortable for the constitutional authorities, if the American people have anything to say in the matter. The latter will hope for the best and try to be prepared for whatever may ensue.—Kansas City Journal.

VILLA, FINANCIAL WRECK.

SEEKS MONEY OF FRIENDS

El Paso, April 4.—Pancho Villa is a financial wreck.

Of the many millions he gathered for himself and his friends during the two years he controlled the greater part of northern Mexico he has not a dollar left.

His former friends have deserted him, living expensively on the money they gained through Villa activities.

Villa has been sending urgent appeals to them for a few dollars.

FEDERAL COURT BILL FOR

SALINA THROUGH HOUSE

Washington, April 4.—The house passed the Helvering bill providing for a term of the federal court at Salina.

The bill will now go to the senate and if passed there will undoubtedly be signed by the president and become effective.

MEN WILL CHARTER TRAIN

TO SUNDAY'S REVIVAL

Osage City, April 4.—The men's Bible class of the Presbyterian church has started to organize the towns between Emporia and Topeka into a movement to take a special train to the Billy Sunday meetings at Kansas City.

VILLA, UNWOUNDED, ELUDES TROOPERS

Chief with Eight Men Leads Pursuers by Sixty Miles

SCOUTS SCOURING THE HILLS

"Which Way Has He Gone" Is the Question Confronting Officers Who Have Been Duped by Unreliable Guides

Washington, April 4.—General Funston advised the war department today he was sending more troops into Mexico from Columbus to protect the line of communication with General Pershing.

El Paso, April 4.—Francisco Villa, unwounded and accompanied by only eight men, was at Satevo, fifty miles south of Chihuahua City, two days ago, according to information received here from Mexican sources, which usually have proved reliable in the past.

If this information is correct it bears out previous reports that the bandit chief is headed toward Parral and is leading his American pursuers by at least sixty miles.

San Antonio, April 4.—The fear expressed at army headquarters that Francisco Villa had escaped from the region in which General Pershing's cavalry columns are operating soon became a conviction. No report from Mexico stated that he disappeared, but all information obtained indicated that he was gone.

Six columns of cavalry are yet riding the hills and plains while scouts are endeavoring to pick up the trail of the scattered bands as well as that of their fugitive chief. General Pershing also reported that he had difficulty in securing reliable guides.

Which way Villa has gone is now largely a question for General Pershing's scouts to answer.

HOLLAND IN WAR MOVE

Rome, April 4, via London.—Wireless reports from Zurich state that Holland has closed her German frontier and massed all her available forces there.

JAIL 125 KANSAS CITY VOTERS

Kansas City, April 4.—One hundred and twenty-five men and a number of women were arrested on the north side of the city today and booked at police headquarters "for investigation."

H. J. ALLEN SAYS ALL REPUBLICANS WILL UNITE

Washington, April 4.—As Henry J. Allen of Kansas, who has been in New York attending the Progressive conference and incidentally visiting Colonel Roosevelt, sees it, the Republicans and Progressives are going to meet at Chicago in a "true spirit of co-operation," putting national needs above factional consideration. He does not believe Colonel Roosevelt is a candidate, and furthermore, he says Colonel Roosevelt will not permit the Progressives to nominate him and attempt thereby to force the Republicans to accept him.

The Progressive conference was held following the Root-Roosevelt "reunion dinner." Leaders who followed Colonel Roosevelt in 1912 were present from several sections of the country. Mr. Allen came to Washington today from New York.

FARMERS START ROAD WORK

EARLY AT RESERVATION

Junction City, April 4.—Farmers from Geary and Riley counties, citizens of Junction City and civilian employes at Fort Riley will cooperate in working the Governor Harvey road across the Fort Riley reservation on Wednesday of next week. Ten graders will be used.

GOETHALS TO PANAMA

TO INSPECT SLIDES

Panama, April 3.—Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals, governor of the Panama canal zone, has returned to the Isthmus from Washington. General Goethals will make an examination of the entire slide area in the Gaillard cut, and probably afterward will issue a statement regarding the opening of the canal for traffic.

Chautauqua Is Indefinite

The effort to secure a chautauqua for Abilene has not yet been successful. Of the fifty names required to guarantee the attraction about half have been secured. It will probably be taken up later.

SENATOR FALL SAYS THAT WILSON'S DEFEAT IS SURE

El Paso, April 4.—United States Senator A. B. Fall of New Mexico returned today from an automobile trip of 450 miles along the Mexican border.

He made the trip to gather information at first hand of conditions on the southern frontier. He will use the information in the campaign he will lead in the senate against President Wilson's policy in dealing with the Mexican situation.

"President Wilson will be nominated at the St. Louis convention by acclamation," said Senator Fall. "No self-respecting Democrat would assume responsibility for the mistakes of President Wilson's administration or attempt the hopeless task of explaining them."

"President Wilson's days in the white house are numbered. He will be defeated in the November election as sure as the sun shines."

"President Wilson is a pedagogue elevated to the presidential chair. The administration of few presidents has been crowded with national crises. He has dealt with every crisis in the weak way, mollycoddle, namby-pamby way. In no crisis has he played the pedagogue with more discredit to the American nation than in this Mexican embroglio."

"He has done nothing but play politics since he moved into the white house. I think most persons, who all along have credited him with sincerity, can see with half an eye, that his present half-hearted aggressive policy in Mexico is politics pure and simple."

ANOTHER GERMAN DRIVE EXPECTED AT VERDUN

Paris, April 3.—A new phase of the battle of Verdun has begun and the belief prevails that the violence of the latest attacks foreshadows another attempt of the Germans to rush the fortress with their vast forces. New batteries of large caliber have been moved up closer to the French front and the German infantry has been rested and reorganized.

Yesterday's fighting on the whole was not unfavorable to the French. It is authoritatively stated. The object of the Germans was to clear the approaches to Fort Douaumont and 15,000 men were thrown forward on the mile and half line between Douaumont fort and the village of Vaux.

MISS WILNA CUTLER ACCEPTS POSITION WITH THE NEWS

Miss Wilna Cutler who last week completed her school term at District No. 26, this morning started reporting for the Dickinson County News. She is handling the city news and locals. Miss Cutler graduated from the high school in the class of 1913, has taught two terms of school, is a hustler, popularly known and will make good at her venture into the news game.

"STUDENT COP" NEGLECTED BOOKS AND LOSES STAR

Manhattan, April 3.—Because complaints had been made to Mayor S. F. Goheen that A. B. Tillman, a student at the Kansas State Agricultural college, was neglecting his studies in the interests of the city as a "special officer" the mayor cancelled Tillman's appointment and called in his star.

MANY "DRY" AND "WET" ELECTIONS IN ILLINOIS

Chicago, April 4.—There are "wet" and "dry" elections in 165 townships in Illinois today, in which there are 214 cities, villages and settlements. The Anti-Saloon League of Illinois filed petitions in more than eighty townships.

JAPANESE STEAMER WRECKED ON ROCK—163 BELIEVED LOST

Tokio, April 3.—The steamer Watsaku Maru, bound from Nagasaki for coastal points, has been wrecked on a sunken rock. Eighty-nine of her passengers and sixteen members of the crew are believed to have been drowned.

\$50,000 DAMAGE LOSS IN ALABAMA TORNADO SUNDAY

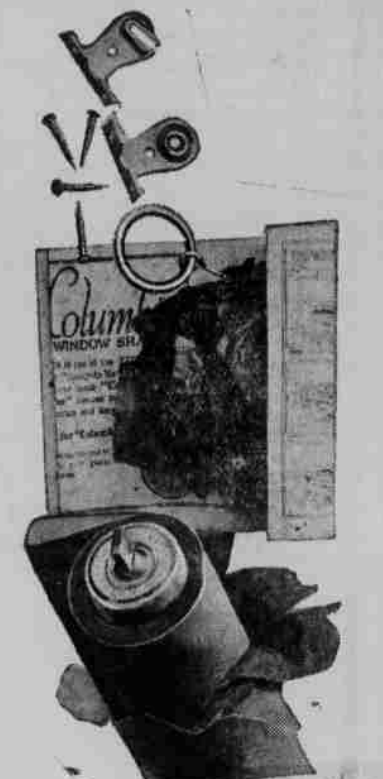
Mobile, Ala., April 3.—Several persons were injured, twelve homes and a school building demolished and many cattle killed by a tornado which swept over Yellow Pine, Ala., early Sunday. The property damage is estimated at \$50,000.

Large Chinese City Revolts

Amoy, April 3.—Chang Chow Fu, one of the largest cities of China, has declared its independence of the government of Yuan Shi Kai. Chang Chow Fu is a city of about nine hundred thousand inhabitants.

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SENATE TO AMEND BIGGER ARMY BILL

Fighting Against Second Amendment to Eliminate Volunteer Army

LOBBY CHARGES AGAINST ARMY

Clause to Be Proposed Provides for National Guard Section of the General Staff at Capital

Washington, April 4.—Over vigorous objection by Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee, the senate voted, 35 to 30, for the Cummins plan to amend the army reorganization bill by creating a national guard section of the general staff. When recess was taken the chairman and other members of the committee were fighting hard against a second amendment championed by Senator Cummins and Senator Lee, of Maryland, which would eliminate the provision for a federal volunteer army.

Senator Chamberlain charged during the debate that pernicious activity on the part of officers of both the national guard and the regular army threatened to undo the months of serious work done by the committee and he threatened that unless the army officers ceased attempting to influence legislation through personal appeal to senators, he would seek to have them disciplined by the war department.

BRAKEMAN FOUND 5 BOYS WHO WERE GOING AFTER VILLA

Bendena, Kan., April 3.—Five St. Joseph boys who ran away from home and were on their way to Mexico to help fight Villa, were found in a Rock Island freight car here. In spite of their pleas the hard hearted brakeman made them disembark. The youngsters were all hungry and agreed that one night on the trail was all they wanted.

LOST LIVE TRYING TO SAVE DROWNING DAUGHTER

Kirkville, Mo., April 3.—A. J. Edwards, 65 years old, gave his life Sunday afternoon trying to save a little girl, but she too, was drowned in the city reservoir here.

Four Lost on British Liner

London, April 3.—The British liner Achilles was sunk Friday. Four members of the crew are missing. The captain and sixty-two other persons from the steamer have been landed.